GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS LICENCE RACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the CBI, over 100 additional district magistrates and sub-divisional magistrates and large number of arms dealers are allegedly involved in the inter-State arms licence racket;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has arrested a number of persons including the arms dealer for issuing bogus arms licences;

(c) if so, the action taken against those held responsible; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the illegal arms rackets in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): CBI has unearthed large scale inter-state racket in which irregular/illegal arms-licences mostly having All India jurisdiction, were issued by some Licensing Authorities. This racket flourished with the connivance of some government officials and arms-dealers.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. CBI has arrested 6 accused persons which includes 3 Arms Dealers, 1 Sub-Divisional Magistrate and 2 Clerks in 10 cases.

(d): State Governments have been sensitized to undertake necessary checks to detect such arms licences.